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§7-1A-02.

(a) (1) A local department of social services or a local health department shall provide a parent or guardian with oral and written notice that their child may be eligible for publicly funded prekindergarten programs if the parent or guardian:

(i) Applied for economic services with the local department of social services or the local health department; and

(ii) Has a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the next academic year.

(2) The notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include:

(i) Contact information for the enrollment office of the local school system and the Division of Early Childhood Development in the Department; and

(ii) Information on the existence of the child care scholarship for before and after full-day prekindergarten programming and the possibility of eligibility for State aid.

(3) On or before December 1 of each year, each local department of social services and each local health department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the number of parents who were given a notification and subsequently enrolled their child in a publicly funded prekindergarten program.

(b) The requirements set forth in § 7-101(b) of this title regarding the domicile of a child and the residency of the child's parent or guardian shall apply to prekindergarten programs established by county boards as required by this subtitle.

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